Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income-Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) and (*b*) A *statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

Kayankulam-Muttom Road.

86. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan** (*Karunagapally, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha cum Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a road from Kayankulam to Muttom;

(*b*) whether it is being encroached upon in many places by the owners of adjoining properties;

(*c*) whether the wooden bridge on it at Pathiyoor to the west of the Pathiyoor temple fell into ruins several years ago;

(*d*) whether there is the need of a bridge there at present;

(*e*) whether there is a canal running across this road near the temple at Evoor;

(*f*) whether the absence of a bridge here makes the road useless, in the rains, even for pedestrians; and

(*g*) whether the road if broadened and repaired will be of immense benefit to the ryots of the locality?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. Steps have been taken to remove the encroachments wherever they exist.

(*c*) Yes. No trace of it exists now.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) The road, if improved, will be of use to the inhabitants

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Sir, In respect of part (*c*), may I know what the honourable member means by saying that no trace of it exists. Is it implied that there is no necessity of a bridge being built there?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar: It does not mean that there is necessity for a bridge.

Grants to Libraries and Reading Rooms.

87. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the maximum annual grant now awarded to Libraries and Reading Rooms;

(*b*) whether grant is awarded in quarterly instalments;

(*c*) how the relative merit of each library is ascertained;

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